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AMORPHOUS CALCIUM SALT OF

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Examiner: LOEWE Sun Jae Y.

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 9, 2009.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

A petition for a three month extension of time is being submitted concurrently along with the requisite fee. If any additional fee is due or overpayment made, with regard to this response, Applicant authorizes the Director to charge any such fee, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.